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MATCHING IN A NETWORK MONITOR  
DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Commissioner:

This is a preliminary amendment prior to any Office Action.

Any *amendments to the specification* begin on a new page immediately after these introductory remarks.

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If there are drawing amendments, an *Appendix* including amended drawings is attached following the *Remarks/arguments*.

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